

MEETING #28 May 20

At a Continued Meeting of the Madison Board of Supervisors and the Madison County School Board for a joint session on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., in the Wetsel Middle School Library:

PRESENT: Eddie Dean, Chairman
James L. Arrington, Vice-Chairman, Eddie Dean
William L. Crigler, Member
Bob Miller, Member
Lisa R. Kelley, County Administrator

ABSENT: Clark Powers, Member
V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney

Chairman, Eddie Dean called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

The School Superintendent gave a report of the Wachovia Cup Results, in which in Group A competition Madison County captured its twelfth consecutive title.

Mr. Nelson of the School Board noted a recent article in the Richmond Times-Dispatch regarding Allegheny Power's rate increase effective July 1, anticipated to raise residential bills by twenty-nine percent. The Board of Supervisors noted that since last year they have been following Allegheny's requests to the SCC.

The two Boards then discussed the topic of budget timelines, and what could be done to achieve approval of an educational budget earlier in the year. It was noted that it is difficult for the Board of Supervisors to reach well-informed decisions until final revenue figures are received from the Commonwealth each year, not only from the Board of Education but from other state sources as well. The School Board confirmed that they utilized contingency clauses in their schoolteacher contracts, allowing them to proceed without waiting for approval of a final budget, but they noted that earlier approval of a budget would still be desirable.

With regard to the current budget process, the two boards discussed the County's desire for more detailed information regarding the School Board's budget request each year. The Board of Supervisors and County Administrator noted difficulties in comparing details in the School's expenditure reports and budget document, and the School Board suggested that this is because the County is not familiar with the

accounting codes utilized by the School. The two boards agreed that further cooperation and discussion will be needed to resolve the issues relating to the sharing of budgetary information.

With no further discussion or action being required by the Board, on motion of James L. Arrington, seconded by Bob Miller, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Absent

Date: June 25, 2008